

HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Common Ground: Finding Consensus on Health Reform, the Small Business Perspective.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY BUDGETS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2010. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA; Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; David White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; Collister Johnson, Jr., Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation; John H. Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and John M. Thomas III, Vice President and Controller, Financial Services, TVA.

ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on a National Commitment to End Veterans Homelessness. Testimony was heard from Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 952, as amended, COMBAT PTSD Act; and H.R. 2270, Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009.

HUMAN CAPITAL

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Human Capital. Testimony was heard from LTG John F. Kimmons, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Ron Sanders, Associate Director, National Intelligence for Human Capital; and Patricia Taylor, Chief, Intelligence Community EEO and Diversity.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D614)

H.R. 131, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. Signed on June 2, 2009. (Public Law 111–25)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 4, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform and derivatives markets, 2 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be followed by a closed session at 11:15 a.m. in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Navy; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter Silva, of California, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, and Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for U.S.-China cooperation on climate change, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine a status report on emergency preparedness for the 2009 hurricane season, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.